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30th ANNIVERSARY MEDAL

by Edward Sins

The 1991 NCNA medal is the fifth in a series issued by Northern California Numismatic Association. The medals have been issued every five years starting with the tenth anniversary convention in 1971.

The obverse features a spectacular view of the bay from the corner of Hyde and Lombard Streets. As the observer takes in the view of Alcatraz, with the Tiburon peninsula in the background, a cable car pulls over the rise, carrying its load of passengers from Ghirardelli Square to Chinatown, the Top of the Mark, Union Square, and Powell and Market Street. The reverse features the N.C.N.A. logo, a miner panning gold, adopted in 1961 and common to all of the medals in the series.

People at the top of this hill are in fact treated to two famous views. Looking eastward down Lombard Street, one views the most crooked street in the city, the renown spiral down the side of the hill to Leavenworth Street.

The cable car line down Hyde Street is approximately 100 years old. For many years, this line was operated by the California Street Cable Car Company. As it does now, the line began at Bay and Hyde streets. The line continued past the power station on California and Hyde streets to O'Farrell. At O'Farrell, it made its one and only 90 degree turn, proceeding to the end of the line on Market Street.

The line continued to operate until the California Street Cable Car Co. was sold to the San Francisco Municipal Railway. In 1954 the cable from Market to California was torn up. The cable to Bay Street was initially retained to link the cable cars on the California Street line with the major repair facility at Mason and Washington Streets. Once the Ghirardelli Square and Aquatic Park were opened, the Powell-Washington-Jackson line was merged with the old Hyde Street line to Bay Street to accommodate more tourist traffic. This is the line in service today.

Fifty-five 39 millimeter medals were struck in fine silver, each weighing one troy ounce. Eight medals in 24 karat gold weighing 1.4 troy ounces (not shown) were also struck. No strikes in base metal were issued.

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

Ozzie Stout

Ozzie, being a Quaker, who passed away last June 24, 1991, would want this Eulogy both brief and simple.

Ozzie lived a good life. Wife, family, and grandchildren. College in China of the mid-1930's. Travel and trips around this world and across this nation. Home in southern California and later in Sonoma. A good career, and so much more.

Ozzie enjoyed life. Gardener. Coral singer. Nationally recognized square dance caller. Political activist. Public servent. Avid collector. Numismatist, and so much more.

Ozzie is gone. However, at his Memorial Service, among the sadness and tears, between the remembrances, and along with the sharing, Ozzie's presence was there.

Ozzie is still here. Years from now, California coin hobbyists in speaking of China or cash money will remember Ozzie. Coin clubs in the Bay Area will remember Ozzie's Show 'n Tell and his talks.

Ozzie lived as a good man. Those who spoke at his Memorial Service remembered how much he had affected their lives. Those who spoke remembered in words that attest to a good man: kind, gentle, respectful, friend, positive, hopeful, knowledgeable, patient, sincere, sharing, and caring.

"Ozzie, coin hobbyists, all of us, will miss you"; but, we have been blessed with a legacy worthy for any emperor, saint, or sage: our lives have been enriched. In the end, that is all that the Quaker from Whittier, California would want to know: leaving us better for having known him.

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Editor's Prerogative

As most NCNA Heads and Tales readers know, the beloved Ozzie Stout passed away last June. The above short Eulogy was written by Your Editor and published in the July Issue of the Vallejo Numismatic Society's The Bulletin. The ending sentence would bring a smile and laugh from Ozzie, who would know its true meaning.

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

NCNA Quiet

Nothing to report. The next Board of Directors Meeting has been postponed. Both Officers and Club Delegates will be informed.

1992 San Francisco International Coin Show

Has not been scheduled. Tentative dates are anticipated; however, both the site and cost, plus size, of the Coin Show will be deciding factors. Details will be announced later.

NCNA Heads and Tales

PLEASE READ!--IMPORTANT CHANGE!--PLEASE READ!--IMPORTANT CHANGE!

This Issue will be the last quarterly Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales; effective with the January 1992 Issue, NCNA Heads and Tales will become a three-times-a-year periodical on the following schedule:

Issue	Deadline	Anticipated Mailings
January, #1	December 1st	by January 21st (Dr. King's Day)
May, #2	April 1st	by May 14th (Mother's Day)
September, #3	August 1st	by September 1st (Labor Day)

The above schedule is fixed, and the planned mailing dates should, in reality, be much earlier.

The Board of Directors, acting on the Editor's recommendation, to reduce NCNA Heads and Tales by one annual Issue, did so for several reasons, the first being the continued cost-effectiveness and benefit as compared to the small audience and readership. Additional reasons included the ever-increasing costs of printing and postage plus the need to curtail costs of the Association.

Another factor was that after ten (10) years, NCNA Heads and Tales remains but a 'one-man operation', and there are limits to what one, anyone, can do and continue to do.

Candidly, there are serious questions as to the continued value and thus publication of NCNA Heads and Tales, and both Your Editor and the Board of Directors would enjoy learning how readers and NCNA Members view NCNA Heads and Tales and if it should be terminated. Honestly, ideas are welcomed, and comments are invited. Address same to Your Editor's attention.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these coin clubs:

- Fairfield Coin Club
- San Francisco Coin Club
- Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
- Cupertino Coin Club
- Liberty Numismatic Society
- Fremont Coin Club
- Gateway Coin Club
- Delta Coin Club
- Peninsula Coin Club
- Fresno Numismatic Society
- Napa Valley Coin Club
- Redwood Empire Coin Club
- Solano Silver Round Club
- Stanislaus County Coin Club
- Sacramento Valley Coin Club
- Livermore Valley Coin Club
- Vallejo Numismatic Society
- San Jose Coin Club

Fairfield Coin Club Maintains its active social calendar, one fun social gathering followed by another: May 22nd, Annual May Pot-Luck, June 26th, Annual George Flannigan Memorial Auction which earned $42.50, August 28th, Annual Hot Dog Night, and September 25th, Bingo Night. The FCC issued a silver round for its Second Annual Fairfield Coin and Collectables Show held recently on September 22nd; this silver round depicted the seal of Solano County, the first time that Solano County's seal has ever been done on a medal. The final mintage for this beautiful medal was: fifty (50) antique silver and seventy-six (76) antique bronze. A wooden dollar was also issued with like design; five hundred (500) total in purple color were done; wooden dollar as a set/pair of two is available for $1.00 plus SASE via the mail. Mail orders with remittance to: "PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590". Include $1.00, cash or check, plus SASE.

San Francisco Coin Club Heard MARIAN SINTON talking on 'English Hammered Gold' at its August 27th meeting. The July 23rd meeting heard KEN BARR speaking on 'An Overview of United States Currency', and June 25th meeting had JOE WARGO speaking on 'The Changing Numismatic Marketplace'. Editor MARK CLARK ended the August Two Cents Worth with: "If you have any ideas about how to make our Club a richer or better organization, let us know. Shy? Send me an anonymous note at the address on the bottom of the first page. (No threats, please!) Some people have great ideas that never get expressed. Sometimes I hear, "I was going to say that!" So, do it . . . A club that I belonged to back in Florida had a bulletin ending that has stuck in my mind obviously for a long time as I left Florida almost ten years ago. So I'll end this one with

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"B C N U" At The Meeting!".

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Had sent only two of its PCNS Bulletins to be received by the deadline for this Issue. The July 24th meeting heard 'Silver Wire Money of Russia' by MICHAEL PEREKRESTENKO, and the August 28th meeting heard '500--1500, The Missing Millenium' by STEPHEN HUSTON. The 1990-1991 Literary Awards went to RICK WEBSTER, 'The Royal Perogative', First Place, LARRY REPPETEAU, 'Token of Yarmouth', Second Place, and DAVID LANGE, 'Medals of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society', Third Place. PETER BARCHUK, joining the Society in 1966, received his silver twenty-five (25) year membership medal at the Society's Annual Anniversary Banquet last June.

Cupertino Coin Club Held its Annual Other Hobbies Night on June 7th; participants were: BOB KEEGAN, Indian Arts and Crafts, KATHERINE RAY, Collector Plates and Telephones, MIKE ROOSEVELT, Clowns, MARTHA TOPOR, Flakey Bears, BOB TOPOR, Two Inch Pin Buttons, MICHAEL REED, Key Chains, KIMBERLY REED, Dolls, DON BARSI, Fruit Box Labels, STEWART HUCKABY, Baseball Caps, WALT LINEBAUGH, Koi Fish (no live specimens, just pictures), KEITH WANDRY, Astromony (Venus, Jupiter, and Mars were visible), and MICHAEL BAER, Piano Solo. July 5th was the meeting for GARY ACQUISTAPACE's talk on the Cupertino Coin Club's (CCC) various wood and medal issues. GARY is the CCC's Club Curator. FRANK NIELSEN spoke on 'Coins of Scandinavia' at the September 6th meeting. FRANK is both a Founding and Life Member of the CCC. HERB KWART presented a slide-illustrated talk on Grading Paper Money; his program was a surprise, and he is the author of the book, "United States Paper Money Grading Standards.".

Liberty Numismatic Society Heard LNS Member #2 STU DENTON speak on the Mechanical Banks at its July 2nd Meeting. It was reported "with some assistance from audience members, both Juniors and adults, STU revealed how much more fun it was to save money in the days before the savings and loan crisis". BENJ FAUVER spoke on 'Early California Counters' at the August 6th meeting. The following LNSers were seen at the recent American Numismatic Association (ANA) Centennial Convention: DAVE CIENIEWICZ, MARK CLARKE, GORDON DONNELL, VINCE LACARIERE, DAVE LANGE, RON MILLER, and MARIAN SINTON. The LNS holds each meeting a COTM, Coin of the Month Drawing, and recent ones have been: July, Buffalo Nickel, August pre-1940 token, and September silver half dollar, which "as an added incentive to participate, the Society will seed the pot a Seated Liberty Half Dollar dated 1854-O in VG-F condition. Bring your four bits to the Meeting, and take a chance at winning this prize.".

Fremont Coin Club In September heard CALTON SNYDER, on the 10th, talk on his second hobby, stamps, and RON MILLER, on the 24th, spoke of Interesting Aspects of the Coin Hobby. August 27th meeting heard FCC's Program Coordinator KEVIN SCHILLING, worldwide and frequent traveler, speaking on "The Adventures of Peru

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Coin Travels". The FCC cleared $2,071.11 on its recent August Annual Coin Show!

Gateway Coin Club Writes "Did you lose your spatchula at the Picnic?". The GCC had its Club Picnic on July 13th at Lake Yosemite. The August 2nd meeting was a "Quiz on the One Dollar Bill! How much do you know about the One Dollar Bill? Winner, or winners, who answer all questions right, on time, aloud, receives a prize!".

Delta Coin Club Writes that "Did you miss the Club's Annual Picnic of August 25th? If so, you missed a lot of fun with plenty to eat and lots of coin-talk. The seventy-three (73) members and guests enjoyed food and 'free' games that followed. The 'Pennies-In-The-Jar' Contest was won by SALLY KENDRICK, and 'Egg-Toss' was won once again by SHARON and ED CARMEN. Should these two be barred from future egg tossing games? They're perpetual winners. Do they bring their own egg?". The DCC has established, on the suggestion of LARRY RAFERT, the Maxine Novetzke Memorial Perpetual Award to "be given on an annual basis upon approval of the membership to a member for outstanding service during the year". Details are pending. DCC Newsletter Editor SYD KASS, renowned and nationally known paper money scholar, is having a contest for the first DCC member to find in circulation a dollar note with the 'FW' imprint of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving (BPE) new Fort Worth, Texas facility.

Peninsula Coin Club Writes that its 1991 Coin and Collectables Show will be this November 10, 1991, Sunday, 10:00am to 5:00pm, at Hyatt Palo Alto Hotel, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California. The meeting theme for July 8th was 'Strange/Odd Money'; your Editor attended, displaying his Yap Island Stone Money, ex Walter Gerth Collection.

Fresno Numismatic Society Announced that its new Vice-President is DR. MARVIN MATLUCK. July 9th meeting heard RUTH PHILLIPS, long-time FNS activist, speak on two subjects: The Club Medal Issues of the Fresno Numismatic Society and Exhibiting. August 18th meeting had GEORGE SHAMLIN reviewing Current Coin Market Trends. The September 10th meeting had members Show 'n Tell their purchases at the previous weekend's FNS Twenty-Fifth (25th) Annual Coin-A-Rama. FNS President PHIL PLETTNER had just completed in The Fresno Numismatist a series on California Fractional Gold Coins, both informative and well-written.

Napa Valley Coin Club Held its Fourth Annual Old Timers Night last September 20th at which ED TILLEY displayed his complete Mercury Dime Collection and reminisced about his starting this Collection as a young lad working for Sears during the Depression. Since the theme of Old Timers Night is coins over one hundred years old or more, Napa Valley Numismatic Notes Editor GENE FEIESTEIN reported that "Mercury Dimes will be eligible for inclusion in our Twenty-Ninth (29th) Annual Old Timers Night coming-up in September 2016!".

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Redwood Empire Coin Club Has send but one issue of its newsletter. TIM HULDERAN has become RECC's Bourse Coordinator, replacing BILL FEIST who had held the position for many years.

Solano Silver Round Club Is making money on its highly successful and eagerly anticipated Quarterly Drawings. The June Drawing of eleven (11) choice, not bullion, silver rounds, brought in $205.00. The Club repeated this Quarterly Drawing but with new different prizes at its September 22nd gathering during the Fairfield Coin and Collectables Show. It has prizes paid for for its December Quarterly Drawing. The SSRC continues its seven year series of silver rounds commemorating the Second World War Fifieth (50th) Anniversary, 1939-1989 to 1945-1995. The design for the 1991 silver round, the third in the Series, done by STAN TURRINI depicts 'The Sinking of the USS Arizona'. Mintage of this popular design has been fixed to a total of one hundred twelve (112), making it the largest mintage of any SSRC silver round issue. The theme for the 1992 silver round, the fourth in the Series, will be 'The North African Campaign'. The SSRC remains California's, and maybe the nation's, only club dedicated to silver rounds. The Club meets monthly, on the Second Thursday, 6:00pm Dinner and 7:00pm Meeting, in the Banquet Room of the Mandarin Restaurant, 219 North Texas Street, on curve across from Armijo High's athletic fields, in Fairfield.

Stanislaus County Coin Club Writes that it now has a new drawing, the 9:00 Drawing, which would have been won by DAN STYES at the August 28th meeting, if he had been present. The prizes were silver dollars which roll-over if unclaimed. DICK GARVET would have won same for the August 14th meeting, if he too had been present. According to the newsletter of the SCCC, the Clubs holds at its meetings: 'Attendance Drawing', 'Late Attendance Drawing', 'Membership Drawing', 'Show 'n Tell Drawing', 'Raffle', and now the '9:00 Drawing'. That is six (6), if Your Editor counted and read correctly.

Sacramento Valley Coin Club BOB DECESARIS continues to write and issue a most informative SVCC Newsletter. Recent SVCC activities have been: August 28th, BOB BANDY, 'Interesting Coinage', September 25th, NEIL TIGNER, 'US Paper Money', and October 23rd, BO BORICH, 'Counterfeit Detection'. SVCC member JEFF SHEVLIN has been doing a most informative and provocative series on Patriotic Civil War Tokens in the SVCC Newsletter; his articles are to be commended for their quality and interest.

Livermore Valley Coin Club Writes that it has continued its meetings during the Summer Months. The Club meets on the Third Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm, in the Meeting Room of the Livermore Valley Public Library. The LNS writes that "our July meeting was a small one, with some eight or ten members present, so we didn't manage to do the larger-scale activities we had planned; instead, we had the best Numismania [Show 'n Tell] time in many months, with everyone present giving a talk!".

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Vallejo Numismatic Society Has had two temporary changes of its officers: STAN TURRINI is Acting Editor and JOSEF KLAUS the Assistant Editor for KEN SPINGOLA through the end of the year. CAROLYN KREUGER is Acting Recording Secretary, and PAT PENN is helping HAROLD SALAS as Vice-President. July 3rd meeting was the Society's 'Hot-Dog Night'; the hot-dogs donated by President CRAIG BLACKWOOD. Despite the Summer-time doldrums, VNS meetings have had record number of Show 'n Tell participants. September 4th meeting had PAT PENN and JOE SIROIS talking about themselves: PAT is in the export business of rare exotic expensive automobiles, and JOE is a major furniture dealer with clients across the nation, his business grossing millions and starting out of his crop-dusting service in Idaho during the Depression. The VNS sadly reports that due to schedule problems with Dan Foley Cultural Center and the current conditions in the coin hobby, the planned two-day 1992 Vallejo Coin and Collectables Show has been rescheduled to a one-day event, April 26, 1992, last Sunday, at the same site, Dan Foley Cultural Center in Vallejo.

San Jose Coin Club Held its Other Hobbies Night at its August 14th meeting: KEN BARR, Vignettes on Silk, DON BARSI, Fruit Box Labels, LARRY BENSON, Barbed Wire Samples, RICH NEDVED, Golf Trophies, PHIL NORTON, Butterfly Collection, STEVE SANFORD, Pottery, ED SINS, Antique Electric Trains, and AUSTEN WARBURTON, Stone Poy Pounder. The July 10th meeting had a special coin quiz: "The quiz featured questions on United States and Territorial Coins as well as some trivia questions regarding the Club and the ANA. Winner of the contest was KEN BARR with a score of 26 out of 28. Runner-Up honors went to DOUG DANIELS and ED SINS, who had scores of 24 each.".

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This listing of Northern California coin shows is issued and distributed free of charge to coin clubs and to members of the association. If you wish to have your non-profit club-sponsored show listed, please send information to Edward Sins, PO Box 5075, San Jose, 95150-5075. Details should include date and show location, name and address of contact, bourse fee, and the sponsoring club.

Sep. 6-8	FRESNO. CSNA Semi-annual convention, Center Plaza Holiday Inn, 2233 Ventura. Info: Ruth Phillips, 227 N. Duke, Fresno, CA 93727.
Sept. 22	CORDELIA. Fairfield Coin Club 2nd annual show, Student Center Bldg 1400 Solano Community College 4000 Suisun Valley Road. Bourse: Jan Henke, c/o Fairfield CC, P.O. Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533, (707) 427-0482. ($60 single/$105 double).
Oct. 13	SANTA ROSA. Redwood Empire Coin Club 24th annual Coin-a-Rama, Veterans' Memorial Bldg, 1351 Maple St. Bourse: William Feist, P.O. Box 2811, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Tables: $45 ea. or two for $80.
Oct. 19-20	STOCKTON. Delta Coin Club 27th an. show, Eagles' Hall, 1492 Bourbon St. Bourse: Eldon Enzminger, P.O. Box 216, Victor, CA 95253.
Nov. 3	SANTA CRUZ. Santa Cruz Coin Club 26th an. show, Holiday Inn, 611 Ocean St. Bourse: Bo Borich, P.O. Box 268, Santa Cruz, 95061.
Nov. 10	PALO ALTO. Peninsula Coin Club annual show, Hyatt Palo Alto, 4290 El Camino Real. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, 94306, (415) 723-5332. $55/table to Sep 28, $60 thereafter.
Dec. 8	CONCORD. Diablo Num. Soc. 30th annual show, Concord Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd. Bourse: Maurice Ortiz, P.O. Box 5096, Concord CA 94524.
Jan. 17-19	SAN JOSE. San Jose Coin Club 24th annual show, Old San Jose Conv Center, Market & San Carlos Sts. Bourse: Ken Barr, P.O. Box 5621, San Jose 95150.
Feb. 22-23	CUPERTINO. Cupertino Coin Club 22nd annual show, De Anza College Student Center, Stevens Creek Blvd.
March 29	NAPA. Napa Valley Coin Club 28th an. Coin Show, Napa Town & Country Fairgnds. 575 Third St. Bourse George Feierstein, P.O. Box 3583, Napa, 94558.
Apr. 11-12	RENO. Reno Coin Club 8th An Show, Bally's Casino Resort, 2500 E. Second St. Bourse: Douglas McDonald c/o Reno Coin Club, P.O. Box 11304, Reno Nev. 89510.
Apr. 26	VALLEJO. Vallejo Num. Soc. 20th annual show, Dan Foley Park Cultural Center, Tolumne St at End North Camino Alto. Bourse: Maurice Ortiz, P.O. Box 5096, Concord, CA 95524, (415) 935-4663.